THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHF MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the table of the House

[English]

Expansion of Fertilizer Plants

718 SHRI K PRADHANI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to expand some fertilizer plants in the country

(b) if so, the name of the plants identified for expansion during the Eighth Five Year Plan and

(c) the extent to which the capacity of these fertilizer plants is likely to be increased on completion of the expansion programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) As per the Industrial Policy Statement issued by the Government on 24.7.1991, the fertilizer industry has been delicensed. An entrepreneur is free to set up a fertilizer project anywhere in the country, subject to environmental clearance. However, the Government provides the following facilities for augmenting indigenous fertilizer production —

(i) The domestic urea industry is being supported through the retention price-cum-subsidy scheme

(ii) Nil customs duty is payable on imports of capital goods for the fertilizer sector

(iii) Indian suppliers of capital goods to fertilizer projects are entitled for deemed export benefits, provided such supplies are made under the procedure of International Competitive Bidding (ICB)

(iv) Liquid petroleum products being used as feedstock and fuel in fertilizer plants are supplied at a concessional price

(v) A maximum concession of 3% in the rate of interest is payable on long-term loans raised by a fertilizer unit from the financial institutions or from the Government subject to certain specified conditions

(vi) Assistance is provided to fertilizer units for securing linkages of feedstock, fuel and rail movement.

(vii) Imports of intermediates required for domestic production of fertilizers *e.g.* ammonia phosphoric acid etc. are permitted without payment of customs duty.

(viii) The production in sick fertilizer units in sustained through the following measures :—

(a) Budgetary support to cover the cash losses/working capital requirement of PSUs and cater to their essential investment requirement, and

(b) Formulation of comprehensive package for their rehabilitation.

(b) and (c) The following nine projects are presently under implementation for increasing the production capacity of fertilizers in the country:-

S.No.	Name of the Company/ Cooperative	Location	Estimated capital cost (Rs. Crores)	Product	Incremental Production envisaged (in lakh MTPA)
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO)	Aonla (U.P.)	960.00	Urea	7.26
2.	IFFCO	Kalol (Gujarat)	119.00	Urea	1.50
3.	IFFCO	Phulpur (U.P.)	993.00	Urea	7.26
4.	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL)	Vijaipur (M.P.)	987.30	Urea	7.26
5.	Madras Fertilizers Ltd. (MFL)	Manali (Madras)	487.30	Urea NPK	0.76 1.84
6.	Nagarjuna Fertilizers & Chemicals Ltd.	Kakinada (A.P.)	969.98	Urea	4.95

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	National Fertilizers Ltd. (NFL)	Nangal (Punjab)	50.00	Urea	2 14
8	Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers Ltd (RCF)	Thal Phase-I Phase-II	49.00 93 00	Urea Urea	1 65 1 10
9.	Tata Chemicals Ltd. (TCL)	Babrala (U.P.)	1251 76	Urea	7 75

When commissioned, these projects are expected to produce an additional 41 63 Lakh MT per annum of urea and 1.84 lakh MT per annum of NPK fertilizers

Kayamkulam-Trivandrum and Shornur-Mangalore Line

719 SHRI V.V RAGHAVAN
SHRI M P VEERENDRA KUMAR
SHRI V.M SUDHEERAN
SHRI E AHAMED

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the construction work on doubling the lines on Kayamkulam-Trivandrum and Shornur-Mangalore have been started;

(b) by when they are likely to be completed,

(c) what are the estimated and revised cost of these two project, and

(d) the details of the amount already spent and proposed allocation in the budget for 1996-97 for these two project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) Within the 9th Five Year Plan

(c) The costs are

(1) Kayamkulam-Trivandrum - Rs 140 00 crs

(2) Guruvayoor-Tanur-Mangalore - Rs 340 00 crs

(d) This information will be available in the budget documents which will be presented to the House later today

[Translation]

Badausa-Baveru-Fatehpur Line

720 SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether any survey was conducted to link Badausa-Baveru and Fatehpur of district Banda with the rail line and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

New Rail Line

721. SHRI MAHESH KUMAR M KANODIA Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to construct new rail line between Harij and Shakeshwar

(b) if so, the details thereof, and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Constraints of resources

[English]

Fencing on Border

722 SHRI BHAGWAN SHANKAR RAWAT Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Union Government have changed the policy of former Government regarding fencing of the border along the Jammu & Kashmir with barbed wire for security purposes and also granting more autonomy to Jammu & Kashmir, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD MAQBOOL DAR) (a) and (b) There is no change in the policy regarding fencing the Jammu/Kashmir border As regards more autonomy to Jammu & Kashmir a view will be taken after detailed discussions when there is a duly elected assembly and Government in the State